

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2022 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	HB 319
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Identifier: 0031-LAW-CRIM-2-1-22  
Title: HARASSMENT; SEX OFFENDERS & OFFENSES  
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Law  
Appropriation: Criminal Division  
Allocation: Criminal Justice Litigation  
OMB Component Number: 2202

## Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2023 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2023 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2022) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2023) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

**Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account?** No  
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

## ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Initial version.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
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This bill increases the classification of harassment where there is touching directly or through clothing of another person's genitals, buttocks, or female breast from a class A misdemeanor to a class C felony. This offense will also be a registerable sex offense on the second offense. This will close a loophole in Alaska's sexual assault laws. However, it is unknown how many additional cases the department will see due to this change.

It also adds a number of offenses such as sending an explicit image of a minor to the list of registerable sex offenses. The bill also expands the arrest authority of pretrial services officers to include crimes that pretrial services officers often see such as criminal mischief, escape in the third degree, tampering with physical evidence, and unlawful contact in the first degree. Pretrial services officers will also be able to file complaints for these offenses. Probation officers are also given the authority to arrest and file complaints for the crime of violation by a sex offender of a condition of probation under AS 11.56.759.

This legislation will close a loophole in Alaska's sexual assault laws and create efficiencies within the system. While the Criminal Division may see additional cases due to the amendments to the offense of harassment, the efficiencies created by pretrial services officers and probation officers filing complaints may assist prosecutors in prosecuting those crimes more rapidly. Therefore, the department does not anticipate a fiscal impact.